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CHECKPOINT SEIZES 73 POUNDS OF MARIJUANA

San Clemente, California: Yesterday, in the span of twenty minutes, Border Patrol Agents at the San Clemente checkpoint interdicted two narcotic smugglers and seized 73 pounds of marijuana. The first seizure occurred at 9:25 a.m. when agents searched a 1991 Chevrolet Cavalier and discovered 12 cellophane wrapped packages of marijuana sealed in the spare tire. Agents became suspicious after noticing the nervousness of the driver. A drug-sniffing dog led agents to investigate the spare tire. As the agents inspected the spare tire they noted it was abnormally heavy and rolled unevenly. The spare tire was opened revealing 12 marijuana packages. A total of 26.3 pounds of marijuana valued at \$9,205 was seized. The marijuana, vehicle and narcotic smuggler were remanded to the custody of the Drug Enforcement Administration.

The second seizure occurred at 9:45 a.m. when agents searched a 1986 Mercury Sable and discovered 47.1 pounds of marijuana. The driver, a Mexican national legally within the United States as a Border Crosser, was referred into the secondary inspection area after agents noticed his nervousness. A drug-sniffing canine led agents to 47 bundles of marijuana secreted in the floorboards and rear doors of the vehicle. The marijuana, valued at \$16,485, and narcotic smuggler were remanded to the custody of the Drug enforcement Administration.